

**Remarks**

Applicants reply to the Office Action dated February 28, 2008, within the shortened statutory three-month period for reply. Claims 1-12 were pending in the application and the Examiner rejects claims 6-9. Support for the amendments may be found in the originally-filed specification, claims, and figures. Applicants submit that no new matter has been introduced with these amendments. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the Interview with Applicant's counsel on March 10 and 11, 2008, wherein the Examiner discussed the new guidelines related to her 35 USC 101 rejections.

Applicants also thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1-5 and 10-12, and indicating that allowable subject matter exists in claims 6-9.

The Examiner rejects claims 6-9 under 35 USC 101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter because no hardware is claimed in the system claims. The Examiner also rejects claims 6-9 under 35 USC 112 because the modules are not found in the specification. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections. However, to expedite prosecution, Applicants amend claims 6-7 as suggested by the Examiner. Applicants amend claims 6-7 to conform to the language in the originally filed specification which discloses "a data processing system". Applicants also amend claims 8-9 to conform to the language in the originally filed specification which discloses "a computer program product on a computer-readable storage medium having computer-readable program code means embodied in the storage medium." More specifically, the specification discloses at, for example, paragraph [0037]:

. . . embodiments of the invention may take the form wholly or in part of a **data processing system**, a device for data processing, and/or a **computer program product on a computer-readable storage medium having computer-readable program code means embodied in the storage medium**. (emphasis added)

In view of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims properly set forth that which Applicants regard as their invention and are allowable over the cited references. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience, if that would help further prosecution of the subject application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to

charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-2814.

Respectfully submitted,

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